

2020 Utility General Information

- Date of original organization of the Water Works April 18, 1871
- Pumping engines at the North Point Pumping Station first sent Lake Michigan water into the system on September 14, 1874

The Milwaukee Water Works is a public utility owned by the City of Milwaukee. It serves as an enterprise fund, providing water service to the public for a fee that makes the entity self-supporting.

- Daily system capability 360 million gallons
- Over 27 billion gallons of water were treated and distributed in 2020
- The area served, including wholesale and retail customers, is 196 square miles
- The population served, including wholesale and retail customers, is 860,919

We provide water to 11 wholesale customers which operate their own water utilities, bill their customers and maintain their distribution system (pipes, pumps, storage tanks, meters, valves):

Brown Deer Mequon Thiensville
Butler Milwaukee County Grounds Wauwatosa
Greendale New Berlin West Allis
Menomonee Falls Shorewood

Our four retail customers receive complete utility service including water, distribution system maintenance, billing and customer service:

Greenfield HalesCorners St. Francis Franklin (a portion) West Milwaukee receives water, billing and customer service, but maintains its own distribution system.

- Miles of Water Main 1,960
- Number of Fire Hydrants 19,889
- Number of Valves 50,460
- Number of Metered Accounts 161,337
- Number of Service Connections 164,574
- Average Daily Pumpage 89.1 Million Gallons
- Main Breaks 316

- Number of Employees 345
- Operating Revenues \$93 million
- Net utility plant in service of \$726 million
- Operating Expenses \$92,471,129
- Operating Income \$685,802
- Rate of Return on Rate Base 1.74%
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes to the City of Milwaukee (PILOT) - \$13,500,000

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